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For : RECORDING MEDIUM, APPARATUS FOR REPRODUCING
DATA FROM A RECORDING MEDIUM, AND METHOD FOR
REPRODUCING DATA FROM A RECORDING MEDIUM



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application,
Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract by rewriting same to read as follows.

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A recording medium in which data is recorded in the form of a track
consisting of a plurality of bits. Second data is recorded on the medium in
the form of a plurality of bits that are displaced in a direction normal to
the track. Content data representing the contents of the first data is also
recorded on the recording medium. The content data includes identification
data that indicates whether the second data is recorded on the recording